



**NTP**  
National Toxicology Program

## Overview: The Use of Contracts in the NTP Testing Program

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## **Contracts in the NTP Testing Program:**

The NTP uses contracted resources to conduct many critical aspects of our Program. In general, these contracts provide:

- Necessary facilities
- Additional personnel (approximately 370 FTEs are involved in our contracts !)
- Ability to accommodate changes in Program direction
- New capabilities when needed
- Flexibility in access to specific expertise
- Accountability and specific deliverables



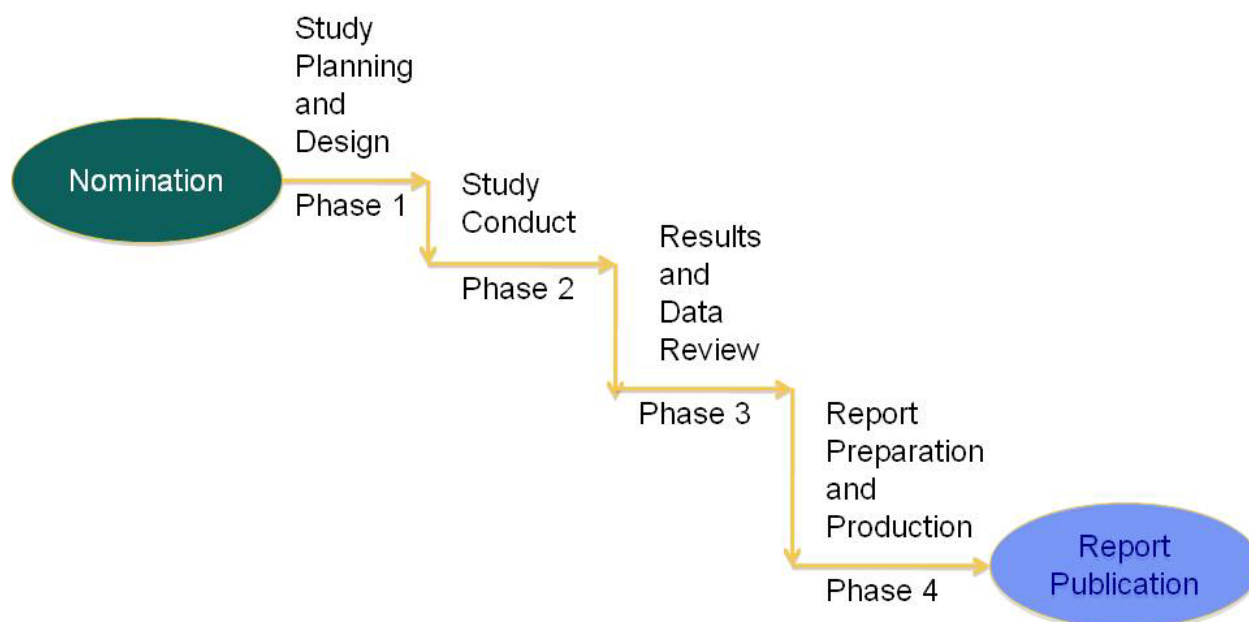
## **NTP Oversight of Contracts for the Testing Program**

- Directed by NTP personnel - COTR's (Contracting Officer's Technical Representative) with expertise and appropriate educational credentials in the activities performed by the contractor.
- Statements of Work (SOW) specify the scope of the contract activities and are approved by several levels of management and contracts officials.
- Individual projects:
  - are communicated by the COTR
  - represent the needs of the Program
  - specify the activities needed for the project.
- The NTP COTR has full responsibility for directing and approving work conducted in his/her contract.

The following presentation is based on our 90-day general toxicity study design, but applies in principle to all NTP studies.

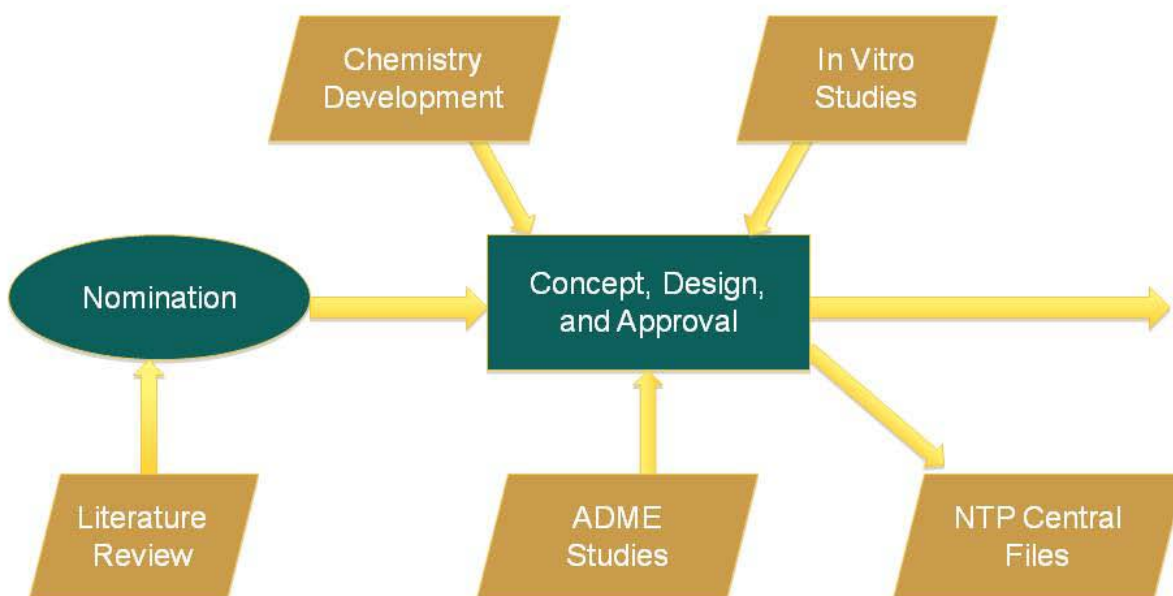


## Study Progression



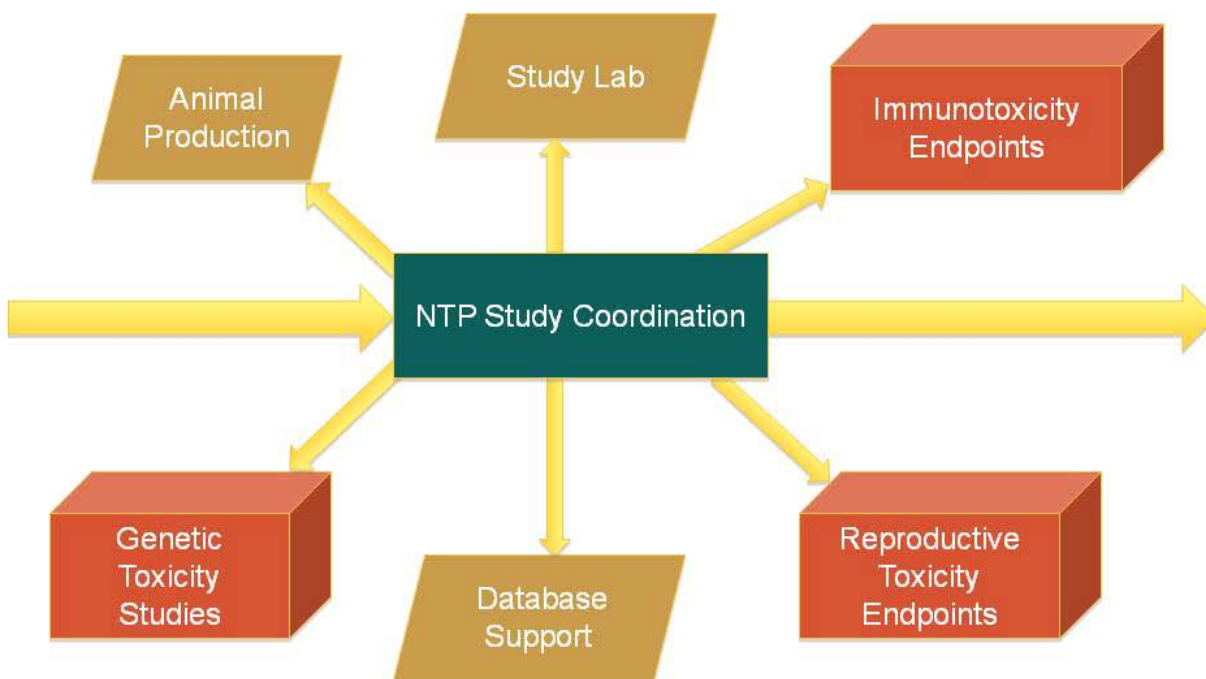


## Phase I: Study Planning and Design



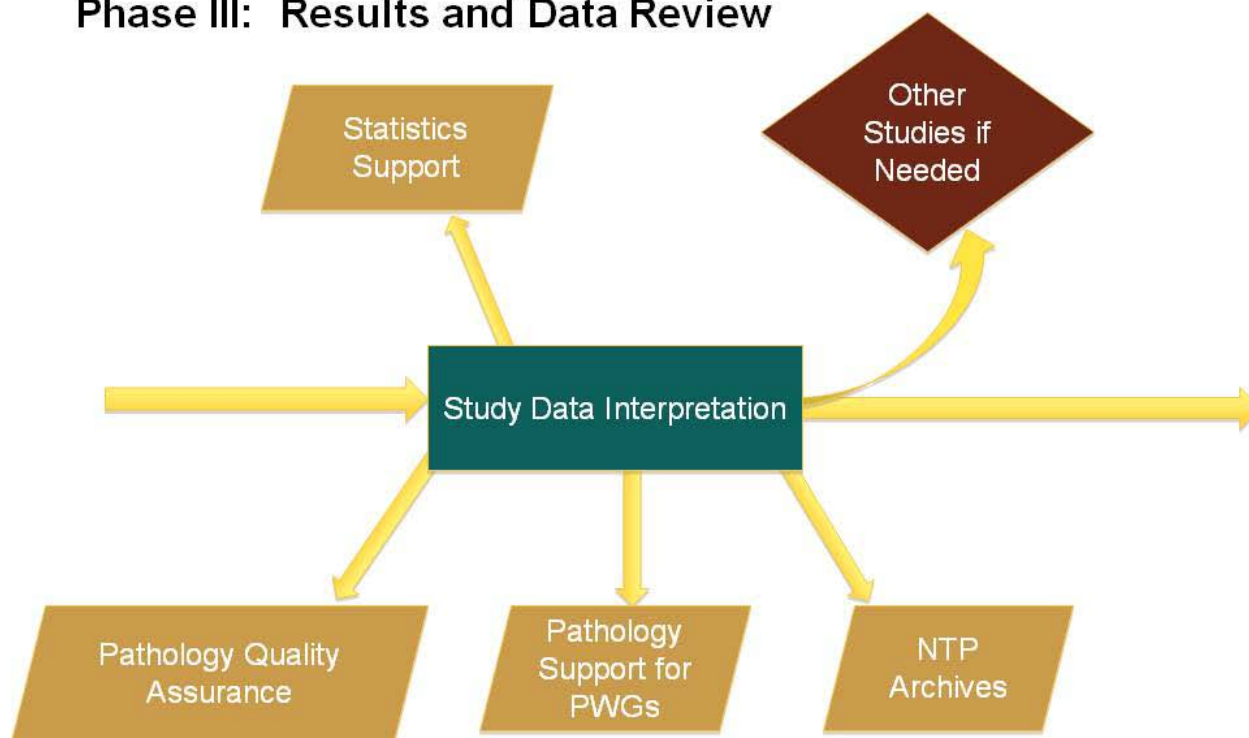


## Phase II: Study Conduct



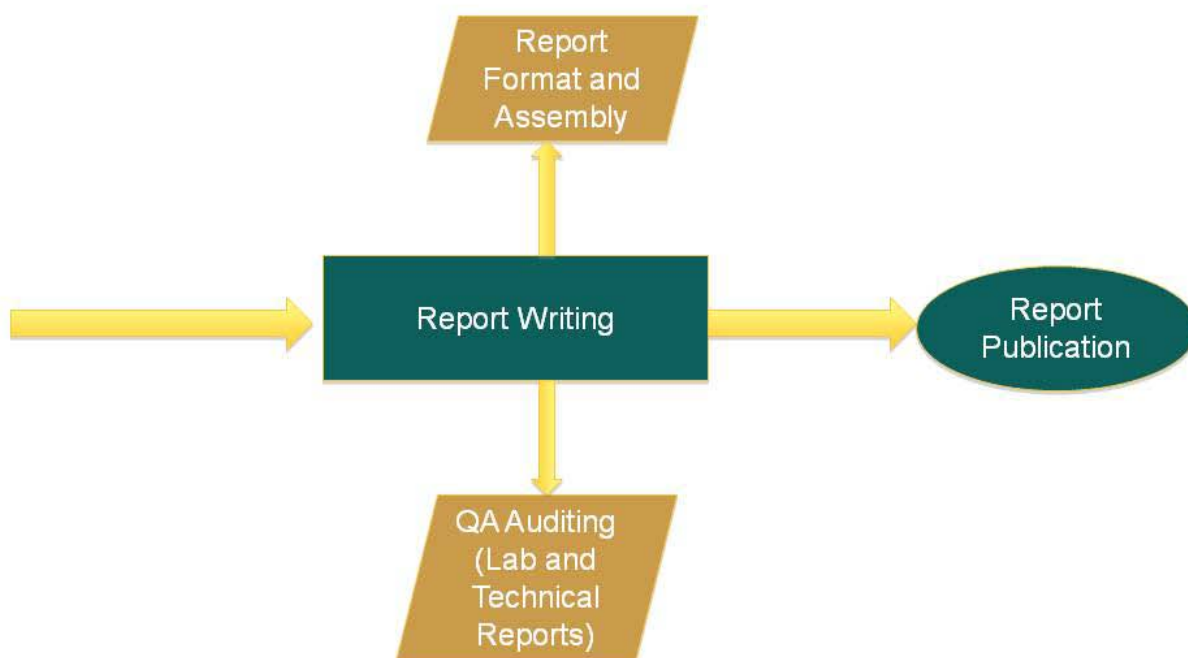


## Phase III: Results and Data Review





## Phase IV: Report Preparation and Production







## **The use of contracted resources allows:**

- NTP to concentrate in-house expertise in study design and oversight
- Checks and balances throughout the testing program
- Flexibility to change the type and amount of resources with changes in scientific approach, policy, and budget.

As a result, NTP can be more responsive to arising public health needs while maintaining data quality and scientific rigor.